

House Resolution 1679

By: Representative May of the 111<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Jimmy C. Stokes; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, during the course of his illustrious career as a teacher and administrator, Dr.  
3 Jimmy C. Stokes, principal of Monroe Area High School, has touched countless lives with  
4 his wisdom, kindness, and passion for learning; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Stokes completed undergraduate studies at Middle Georgia College and the  
6 University of Georgia before earning his Master of Education and a doctorate in education  
7 from the University of Georgia and later receiving a Master of Public Administration from  
8 West Georgia College; and

9 WHEREAS, he has taught chemistry at a number of institutions, including the University  
10 of Georgia, Clayton Junior College, El Camino College in California, West Georgia College,  
11 and Murray County High School, and has published several journal articles and books related  
12 to chemistry and education; and

13 WHEREAS, his administrative career began at Murray County High School, where he was  
14 named assistant principal in 1992, and he served as principal at Haralson County and  
15 Greene-Taliaferro High Schools before taking his current position in 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, at Monroe Area High School, Dr. Stokes has earned great esteem for his strong,  
17 inspiring leadership and his ability to unite many different factions within the community;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, so widely respected and admired is he that he was named Georgia Principal of  
20 the Year by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals (GASSP) and MetLife  
21 Insurance; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Stokes currently serves as president of the Georgia Association of  
2 Educational Leaders in addition to his duties at Monroe Area High School; and

3 WHEREAS, outside of his demanding career in education, Dr. Stokes is a devoted family  
4 man to his wife, Patricia W. Stokes, and his two daughters, and is highly active in his church  
5 and a variety of civic organizations; and

6 WHEREAS, considering the enormous contributions Dr. Stokes has made to education in  
7 Georgia, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body appropriately recognize this  
8 exceptional teacher and leader.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 the members of this body join in commending Dr. Jimmy C. Stokes on his many years of  
11 extraordinary work in education and thank him for his invaluable contributions to Georgia.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Jimmy C. Stokes.